

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-26 have been canceled without disclaiming the subject matter therein and claims 27-49 have been added by this Amendment. Applicant requests consideration of the new claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 446-8693.

**Conclusion**

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 446-8693.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Ritter", is written over the typed name.

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